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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Savrasova et al.

Application No.: 10/784,980

Filing Date: February 25, 2004

For: Process for producing L-amino acids
by fermentation of a mixture of
glucose and pentoses

Art Unit: 1651

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2005, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.